

The recent decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to air the anti-Kerry "Stolen Honor" two weeks before the Presidential election highlights the danger of media conglomeration, and its power to create propaganda for its own purpose which only weakens our democracy.

Sinclair's ability to use the free public airwaves implies a responsibility to air programs that serve local and community interests, not just its corporate profit projections.

The FCC has an important contribution to make in strengthening our democracy, and protecting the diversity of opinion that makes our country great. Media ownership and corporate behavior deserve careful scrutiny when considering whether to renew Sinclair's broadcast license.